

plans in the region of the middle Niemen between Kovno and Grodno, where the Russian forces are concentrated. It is indicated that a concentration of considerable forces of Russians on the left bank of the Niemen. In moving to the direction of Vilna the Germans are threatening the Russian bases of operations. There is a pronounced movement of the Russian forces from the left bank of the Niemen. The archives and the stores have been removed, stores closed and stocks shipped away.

Brest Litovsk Deemed One of the Strongest Fortresses in Europe

The Russian fortress of Brest-Litovsk, which has just capitulated to the Austro-German forces, had been considered one of the strongest fortresses in Europe, and was the southern base of the second Russian line of defense. To which the armies of Duke Nicholas retreated after the fall of Warsaw. The citadel is situated on the Bug river, and at the junction of several railways 131 miles from Grodno and 20 miles from the Polish capital.

The storming of Brest-Litovsk by the Austro-German forces, probably the most important military achievement since the fall of Warsaw three weeks ago. The town, which had a population of about 50,000, was one of the most important depots for and the distributing point for the supplies of the Russian army. The fortress was rated by military experts as one of the most important strategic points in the war.

At Junction of Rivers.

Brest-Litovsk is situated at the junction of the Bug and Mukhovets rivers, and the fortress of the city was built at the point of confluence. It lies upon the right bank of the Bug river, which turns from the north to the northeast. Intersecting here are railroads from Odessa, Kiev, Moscow, Warsaw, Vilna and other points. According to information received by the National Geographic Society, contained one of the most important military points in the European theater. The older fortifications were erected about one mile east of Brest-Litovsk and were of the type of the late 19th century. The field works were kept up to date, and everything possible had been done to make the fortress impregnable. Brest-Litovsk was generally regarded in Russia as the most powerful individual stronghold in the empire.

Slaves May Quit Second Line.

The capitulation of Brest-Litovsk means, in the opinion of military observers, that the Russians will be forced to abandon the second line of defense, which extended from Brest-Litovsk northward to the Baltic sea of Riga. The fall of the fortress appeared inevitable several days ago, when the Austro-German forces succeeded in breaking through the Russian lines on the right bank of the River Bug, just northwest of Brest-Litovsk, following the line of the second line of defense. It began a terrific onslaught on the Russian defenses. Tuesday the army on the southwestern front succeeded in breaking through the advance positions of the fortress.

Third Russian Line.

The third Russian line of defense, upon which the defenders of Brest-Litovsk, Warsaw, Ivangorod, Novo Georgievsk and Grodno are compelled to retreat, runs through the middle of the country known as White Russia. The line begins on the north at Riga, on the Baltic, and follows the course of the Dvina river, then turns south and follows the railroad, through Vilna, Lida, and Grodno. The line is held by the Russian army, which is fighting through trackless swamps of Pinsk and the Pripiet river to Rovno, which lies 150 miles northeast of the Galician frontier.

CROWN PRINCE IS EAGER FOR FIGHTING IN WEST

BERLIN, August 26.—An army order issued by Frederick William, Crown Prince of Germany, August 22, in celebration of the anniversary of the battle of Longwy, the Saarbrücken Volkszeitung says, expressed the earnest hope that the emperor might soon call upon his forces in the west for a renewal of offensive warfare. The order concluded with these words:

"We wait with undiminished joy the day of battle when the Emperor summons us to a new attack. Out of the trenches and tunnels! Into the war that the world has been waiting for! Come! France must again recognize the victory of Longwy!"

The new, known as the "iron gate of the west," has fallen four times in three years before the assaults of the French. It was taken by the Germans in 1792 and again in 1815 and 1870.

Great Enemy Losses Claimed by the Turks

Kanlisat Fighting

CONSTANTINOPLE, August 26.—The following official statement was issued by the Turkish government, dealing with operations in the Kanlisat region:

"Near Ari Burnu, Sunday evening, after heavy grenade, rifle and machine gun firing, the enemy attacked Kanlisat. Our counter attacks destroyed the greater part of the enemy's forces there."

"Monday forenoon the enemy made a similar attempt near Yehli Tepeli and Sanku Bair, but was compelled to retreat with heavy losses. The Kanlisat region is now in our hands."

Fresh British Troops Land.

TRINIDAD HEADQUARTERS ON THE GALLIPOLI PENINSULA, August 22, via London, August 26, 1:25 a.m.—Fresh British troops were landed here August 6 and 7. The new arrivals, who have penetrated a few hundred yards beyond the shores of the Salt lake, which now is dry. That part of the British force which gained the crest of Kodjatehman mountain has been driven back to the base of that elevation, holding today a narrow ridge not far southeast of the shore of the Salt lake, with the Turkish trenches only forty yards away. In the afternoon of August 21 the British made a bold attempt to improve the situation, but failed, in spite of a terrific fire from ship artillery and in several well sustained infantry charges.

British Losses Not Known.

It has been impossible to learn the total British losses in the Anafarta Trenches. The Anafarta Trench extends in a semi-circle along the shore of the Salt lake and includes the first two elevations on the Aegean shore, while to the south it runs parallel with the shore for about 2,000 yards and then joins the Ari Burnu front. Most of the British trenches lie on low foothills on an elevation averaging 600 feet. Kodjatehman presents for the British an unusually difficult problem. A Turkish division attacked the British on Kodjatehman with dash and spirit, forcing their retirement. Since then the British have subjected Kodjatehman almost daily to terrific gunfire from the ships.

BRITISH FLIER KILLED AS HE FALLS 2,000 FEET

LONDON, August 26.—Sublieut. John McLarty of the Royal Naval Flying Corps was killed while flying a plane over Southampton water on the English coast. The machine met with a mishap, and McLarty fell out, dropping 2,000 feet.

ONE-PIECE ELECTRIC LIGHTS FORECAST

Inquiry Into W. R. & E. Potomac Current Contract May Precipitate Action.

UTILITIES COMMISSION CONSIDERING REDUCTION

Officials of Both Companies Contend That Arrangement Between Them Is Equitable.

Reduction of electric light rates charged private consumers in the District of Columbia, in advance of the completion of the valuation now being made upon the properties of the Potomac Electric Power Company, may grow out of the public utility commission's investigation of the relations between this corporation and the Washington Railway and Electric Company, concluded today.

"That the commission will issue an order changing the working agreement between the two companies regarding payments for power by the traction concern is considered probable. Under the new relationship, should it be ordered, the power company would receive a lower rate than it is now being paid by the railway company, and the prospect of private consumers benefiting from the increased earnings through reduced rates would be greatly increased."

Early action along the line of establishing new rates between the companies rather than in the direction of effecting a divorce of the corporations is regarded at the District building as practically assured.

"If the commission decides that this situation obtains it may be possible to revise the rates charged private consumers, whatever may be the corporate relations between the two companies," said the Commissioner.

Reduction Soon Possible.

While consideration of rate questions in connection with all local public utilities has been held in abeyance until completion of the valuation work now in progress, the interest in the matter may not have to wait for the valuation figures to reduce rates for electric current if the present rates are nearly excessive for the service. The railway company buying power from the Benning plant at less than cost. The specific proposition of where consumers may be paying too much for the power is being investigated by the commission.

Investigation Finished.

The commission shortly before noon today finished its investigation of the relations between the two companies. The inquiry was inaugurated yesterday morning and only three witnesses were heard throughout the entire proceeding. They were Clarence P. King, president of W. R. & E., Ham, vice president of the Washington Railway and Electric Company and L. E. Sinclair, superintendent of the electrical department of the Potomac Electric Power Company.

Economies Dwelt Upon.

Mr. Ham then elaborated upon previous testimony to the effect that the railway company's services to the Benning plant had enabled the latter institution to reduce the cost of production, the saving being estimated at a quarter of a million dollars per year. The witness said that the railway company had a right to investigate the rates paid the power company by the railway company, but no authority to change them.

Concerning the contract between the companies which requires the traction concern to pay the power company 6 per cent interest on the value of the plant used in the production of power, Mr. Ham said that the contract was a fair one, and that the railway company was not entitled to a higher rate of interest.

Commissioner Kutz asked Mr. Ham if the railway company could not stand on its own bottom. The reply was that if the company should be divorced from the Benning plant it would have to live up to its contract with the railway company, and would try to meet the situation in a business way. The witness suggested that an independent company, probably a public utility, could be organized to take over the Benning plant and the railway company could build its own power plant.

Corporation Counsel Syme questioned Mr. Ham regarding the fact that the private consumer has derived from the contract between the two corporations in support of his contention that rates have become cheaper.

President King questioned briefly by Corporation Counsel Syme and Commissioners Kutz and Brownlow. He repeated what Mr. Ham had said regarding the big economy effected by the Benning plant as a result of its arrangement with the railway company.

Justifies Free Power Deal.

W. F. Ham, vice president of the Washington Railway and Electric Com-

pany, and L. E. Sinclair, superintendent of the electrical department of the Potomac Electric Power Company, were the only witnesses examined by the commission yesterday afternoon. Neither official could tell the commission the exact value of the power company's plant in Benning.

Mr. Ham sought to justify the working arrangement between the two corporations by pointing out that, according to testimony given, enabled the railway company to obtain without cost from the power company surplus power for its own needs and left it a surplus which it disposed of at a profit of \$37,816.10.

One of the considerations for this arrangement, the traction official said, was the action of the railway company in guaranteeing \$7,000,000 in Potomac Electric Power Company bonds. In addition, he claimed that the enormous consumption of power by the railway company enabled the power company to engage in large scale production of electricity, and thus materially decrease the cost of production.

Prior to the lending of credit by the railway concern to the power corporation, the Benning plant had been required to spend a cent a kilowatt to produce electricity. Mr. Ham stated. The cost of production now is 4 mills, he said, and the number of consumers has been increased from 5,000 or 6,000 to 25,000. This could not have been done, he said, without the return of the working agreement between the two utilities.

Mr. Ham suggested that a simple solution of the entire matter would be the consolidation of the Washington Railway and Electric and Potomac Electric Power companies.

MARTIAL LAW IN FRANCE SOON TO BE ABOLISHED

PARIS, August 26.—Martial law will be abolished everywhere in France outside of the zone of military activities after September 1. The decision of the government in this respect is interpreted on all sides as a sign of confidence in official circles that the interior administration will not be disturbed again by military operations.

Police officials whose prerogatives have been somewhat confused during the period of military rule, are confident that the removal of all danger of conflict of authority, and at the possibility of pursuing reconstructive measures.

VESSEL WITH WOUNDED ARRIVES AT KOENIGSBERG

LONDON, August 26, 10:30 a.m.—A dispatch to the New York Times from Königsberg says that a transport carrying seriously wounded German marines who participated in the recent fighting in the Gulf of Riga has arrived at Königsberg from Libau.

TO REVIEW TROOPS SATURDAY

President Wilson Expected to Be Here for Home-Coming Guardsmen.

No plans have yet been made for President Wilson to go out of Washington this week, as he is expected to arrive in the District of Columbia Saturday afternoon on the White Lot ellipse, as requested by Gen. Harvey, commanding. The President a few days ago wrote Gen. Harvey that it was uncertain whether he would be in Washington at the time the president is expected to arrive. The President is expected to arrive in the District of Columbia Saturday afternoon on the White Lot ellipse, as requested by Gen. Harvey, commanding. The President a few days ago wrote Gen. Harvey that it was uncertain whether he would be in Washington at the time the president is expected to arrive.

NOT TO BE COUNSELOR.

Former Representative Palmer Will Not Succeed to Lansing Vacancy.

Former Representative A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania will not be counselor of the State Department to fill the vacancy made by the promotion of Mr. Lansing to head of the department. The promotion of Mr. Palmer to the position of counselor of the State Department was stated today on high authority that this fact has nothing to do with intimations that Mr. Palmer recently said here that the demands of the foreign matters and made a report, some portions of which became public through a newspaper publication. Mr. Palmer is said by his friends, announced several weeks ago that he would not have the counselorship if offered to him.

BULGARIA REMAINS NEUTRAL.

Unofficial Advice Received of Agreement With Turkey.

Unofficial advice to representatives of the Balkan nations by the Bulgarian government, which has been received by the Turkish government, includes the provision that she remain neutral and that the attempt to form a Balkan league has failed. News of the formation of the new cabinet by Minister Venizelos reached the Greek legation today. It is said here that the Greek government has a right to investigate the rates paid the power company by the railway company, but no authority to change them.

JAPAN WILL FURNISH SHELLS TO HER ALLIES.

TOKIO, August 26.—The establishment of special factories for the manufacture of shells will be a part of the increased assistance which Japan has decided to give her allies in the war, it is learned.

Details of the plans for carrying on the work of increasing Japan's munition supplies have been discussed by the ambassadors of the entente powers with Premier Okuma yesterday.

CRUSH VENEZUELAN REVOLT.

Government Forces Kill Rebel Leader, Horatio Du Charne.

WILLEMSTADT, Curacao, August 26.—Advices reaching this point from Venezuela state that the revolution begun last September in the eastern part of Venezuela has been crushed. The revolutionists were defeated by government forces and their leader, Horatio Du Charne, was killed. At the onset of the revolt Du Charne won a measure of success and was reported to be well supported in the region in which the movement was inaugurated.

RETURNS TO FACE TRIAL.

Assistant Treasurer of Nashville, Under Charges, Gives Bond.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., August 26.—Johnson B. West, Jr., familiarly known as "Doc" West, assistant city treasurer of Nashville, whose whereabouts have been unknown since the city hall scandal was precipitated, the middle of June, arrived here this morning from Chicago. Arrangements for security had been made in advance and he was escorted in the sum of \$10,000 on his arrival.

TORPEDOED SHIP'S CREW PICKED UP BY STEAMER

LISBON, August 25, via Paris, August 26, 2:30 m.—The Norwegian steamer Høytor, arrived from Barry, reports picking up August 21 forty survivors of the British steamer Windsor, which was sunk by a submarine. The members of the Windsor's crew were transferred from the Høytor to the British steamer Høytor the day after they were rescued.

ALLEGED SLAYER ARRESTED.

Maek Dennis, Charged With Killing Luke Dennis, Held in Richmond.

Maek Dennis, colored, alleged slayer of Luke Dennis, also colored, who was slain with a knife the night of August 16 and so seriously wounded that he died shortly afterward, is under arrest in Richmond, Va., according to a message received by Maj. Pullman this afternoon.

COURT ISSUES RULE.

David W. Oyster to Answer in Suit Brought by Wife.

Justice Siddons today issued a rule on David W. Oyster to show cause why he should not be enjoined from interfering with or molesting his wife and children. He is also required to show why he should not pay temporary alimony to his wife, Mary A. Oyster.

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SWISS TO CARE FOR SICK OFFICERS.

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ARGENTINE WAYS NEEDS FOR MISSING

Discusses Status of Pan-American Peace Note to Mexican Leaders.

Guatemalan Minister Describes Carranza.

Tells Secretary of State of His Experiences With "First Chief."

Watch Border Insurrections.

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